

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 19, 2016**

1. Bill Vanden Berg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Paul Blauwkamp.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call.      PRESENT:      Bill Vanden Berg, Don Vander Kuyl,  
Robin Overway, Paul Blauwkamp

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Betty Luurtsema

5. Motion to approve the agenda made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp.      Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on April 21, 2016, made by Overway, supported by Blauwkamp.      Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve invoices dated March 18, 2016 through April 21, 2016, including an addendum made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp.      Motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report recapped by Vander Kuyl.
9. Clerk's Report reviewed by Overway
10. Supervisor's Report reviewed by Vanden Berg.
11. Opportunity for Public Comment
  - Craig Jenison, introduced himself as candidate for 58<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, and presented his qualifications to the Board and members of the audience.
  - Steve Kempker, Ottawa County Undersheriff, introduced himself and spoke of his long career in law enforcement and presented his qualifications to run for office of Ottawa County Sheriff.
12. Monthly Reports
  - A. Blendon Township Emergency Services Board – April 28<sup>th</sup> minutes submitted.
  - B. Fire Chief's Report – Submitted by Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief.
  - C. Police Activity Report – Submitted by Deputy Jewell.
  - D. Assessor's Report – Submitted by Tyler Tacoma, Assessor.
  - E. Building Activity Comparison Reports – Submitted for Board Review.
  - F. Building and Grounds Report – Submitted by Kurt Gernaat.

G. Zoning Administrator's Report – Submitted by Kurt Gernaat, Zoning Administrator.

H. Planning Commission Minutes – Highlights reviewed by Commissioner Blauwkamp.

13. Tabled Business – Road Policy dated July 2015.

Motion to untable July 2015 Road Policy discussion by Blauwkamp, supported by Vander Kuyl.

Motion Carried

14. New Business

A. Motion to re-adopt the July 2015 Road Policy dated July 2015, to include a cost split of 67% Township and 33% Property Owner with no monetary cap, offered by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway.

Motion Carried

B. Discussion with the property owners of the proposed 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding cap on special assessment. Marc Bussis will be point person in charge of acquiring signatures on new petition.

C. Discussion regarding Road Paving Petition of 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Petition submitted was only supported by owners of 31% of the property frontage. No action taken, Supervisor to advise petitioners.

C. Motion to accept the Ottawa County Road Commission estimate whereby they pay \$30,000 and Blendon Township pays \$30,000, and proceed with graveling Polk Street from 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue offered by Vander Kuyl supported by Overway.

Motion Carried

D. Motion to begin the process of creating a Special Assessment Lighting District as required by Planning Commission for Stanton Woods development offered by Vander Kuyl supported by Blauwkamp.

Motion Carried

E. Motion to approve Fire Department request to purchase gear needed not to exceed \$12,000 as budgeted offered by Vander Kuyl supported by Overway.

Motion Carried

F. Motion to approve Fire Department request to purchase thermal imaging camera not to exceed \$10,000 as budgeted offered by Vander Kuyl supported by Overway.

Motion Carried.

G. Motion to approve Fire Department request to purchase a little giant ladder not to exceed \$1,000 as budgeted offered by Vander Kuyl supported by Overway.

Motion Carried

H. Motion by Blauwkamp supported by Overway to form a committee to facilitate the possibility of a Township funded road improvement project consisting of 2 Township Board members, 1 Planning Commissioner, 1 Safety Services Board member and the Fire Chief. Ron Wind was present at the meeting and volunteered to serve as representative of the Planning Commission, Paul Blauwkamp and Robin Overway volunteered to serve representing the Township Board, Kurt Gernaat, agreed to serve as Fire Chief, and the Safety Services representative is yet to be determined.

Motion Carried

15. Correspondence and Information

A. Letter from State Department of Treasury.

B. Retirement announcement of Mark Knudsen.

16. Upcoming Events.

- A. Emergency Services – 06/30/16
- B. Planning Commission – 06/07/16
- C. Township Board – 06/16/16

17. With no other business to be brought before the Board, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Recorded by Cindy Humphrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk